

In light of studies like "Does Ownership Matter in Local Television News?" by The Project for Excellence in Journalism (February 17, 2003) that showed smaller, local television stations deliver citizens more comprehensive and informative news and Clear Channel Communications' failure to inform Minot, North Dakota of a hazardous waste spill in the area on January 18, 2002, I feel that it is important to encourage and support small broadcasting corporations. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 was a step backwards for the quality of our newscasts, and further loosening of ownership restrictions should not be allowed. Local control is the goal!